

**Minutes of the Public Works Committee
February 16, 2012**

Chair David Swan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present: County Board Supervisors David Swan (Chair), Walter Kolb, Pamela Meyer, Tom Schellinger, Daniel Draeger, Peter Gundrum. **Absent:** Supervisor Pauline Jaske

Also Present: County Board Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Public Works Director Allison Bussler, Senior Civil Engineer Ed Hinrichs, Waukesha Metro Transit Director Bob Johnson, Senior Civil Engineer Kevin Yanny, County Executive Chief of Staff Shawn Lundie, Journal Sentinel Reporter Laurel Walker, Wisconsin Coach Line Vice-President Tom Dieckelman, 2012 County Board Supervisor Candidates Mike Hyland and Randall Hojnacki.

Ordinance 166-O-087: Laying Out, Relocation And Improvement Of County Trunk Highway VV, Waukesha County Project, Project I.D. 2753-06-71, CTH Y To Jackson Drive, Village Of Menomonee Falls, Waukesha County

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Draeger, to approve Ordinance 166-O-087.

Hinrichs was present to discuss this ordinance which approves the relocation and improvement of CTH VV/Silver Spring Drive (Phase II) from Carter's Crossing just west of the Fox River to Jackson Drive. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2013. A consultant has recently been hired for acquisition services. The project is expected to be done within/under the \$1.8 million budget. There is one potential relocation involved in this phase of the project.

Relative to the potential relocation, Swan asked whether it is a home or just land. Hinrichs stated it is a home. This relocation may be avoided; however, it is uncertain at this point in the project.

Schellinger asked who was hired as the consultant on this project. Hinrichs stated the consultant on board is the Highland Group. The County has worked with this company in the past and they are very qualified.

The "Schedule of Lands & Interests Required" was reviewed. The acquisitions necessary are mainly for 5-foot right-of-ways and grading easements. Kolb questioned whether the right-of-way acquisitions are absolutely needed to get the road in. Hinrichs stated the right-of-ways are definitely needed, in large part due to Trans 75 requirements of bikeways and sidewalks for highway projects. This project will include a 6-foot asphalt sidewalk/path on each side of the road. The County will initiate negotiations with the Village to pay 50% of the sidewalk costs. Once installed, it is the responsibility of the Village to maintain the sidewalks.

Meyer arrived at 8:41 a.m.; Swan briefed Meyer on the discussion of Ordinance 166-O-087.

Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 166-O-088: Laying Out, Relocation And Improvement Of County Trunk Highway L, Waukesha County Project, Project I.D. 2380-00-03, CTH Y To Lannon Drive, City Of Muskego, Waukesha County

MOTION: Draeger moved, second by Gundrum, to approve Ordinance 166-O-088.

Hinrichs was present to discuss this ordinance which approves a relocation order for the second phase of

Janesville Road in the City of Muskego (the federally funded portion of the project). The RFP for acquisition services is due March 8, 2012. The total budget for both phases of this project, including real estate and right-of-ways, is \$8.25 million (\$5 million for the first phase and \$3.25 million for the second phase). The second phase includes four relocations. Because the area is more of an urban setting, the right-of-way acquisitions were narrowed from 60 feet (in the first phase) to 55 feet on each side of the road. The City of Muskego will pay 50% of the sidewalk costs and fully fund the more intensive landscaping and streetscaping that will be incorporated in the project design.

Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 166-O-089: Authorize The Waukesha County Department Of Public Works To Sign The 2012 I-94 Traffic Mitigation Agreement With The Wisconsin Department Of Transportation (WisDOT)

MOTION: Kolb moved, second by Schellinger, to approve Ordinance 166-O-089.

Bussler and Johnson were present to discuss this ordinance which authorizes the Department of Public Works to enter into a contract with WisDOT to provide additional contracted transit services during the I-94 repaving project. The roadwork is being done in Milwaukee County but traffic mitigation in Waukesha County is needed to help keep traffic moving by reducing the number of vehicles on the road. WisDOT funding of up to \$303,436 will be paid directly to Waukesha Metro Transit, the County's transit administrator. Waukesha Metro Transit will contract with Wisconsin Coach Lines to provide additional transit services to include increased freeway flyer bus service hours, extension of bus routes from downtown Milwaukee to UWM, 10-ride ticket book discounts, and acceptance of UPASS on routes 901-905.

Kolb asked what the source of the funding is. Johnson stated it is both State and Federal money.

Schellinger asked what the County's responsibility in tracking the money is. Johnson stated that as the County's transit administrator, Waukesha Metro Transit will track statistics and report to the State. The State then issues a check once a month. The State will audit this project as they did the similar project last year.

Dieckelman pointed out the County will make some money through additional fare box revenues, the UPASS program, and reimbursement of staff time for attending project related meetings. Swan expressed his support of the expanded UPASS service on these routes and would like to see the UPASS program continue in Waukesha County on a regular basis.

Draeger asked how the public would be made aware of the additional transit services being offered. Dieckelman stated Wisconsin Coach Lines will market the services as soon as possible; however, it cannot be done until after this ordinance is considered and approved by the County Board on February 28, 2012.

Draeger inquired whether there are any estimates, based on past experience, on how many cars would be taken off the road through this traffic mitigation plan. Through a cost benefit analysis, would it be worth it? Johnson said that last year during construction, transit ridership went up 7-8%, which is equivalent to several hundred cars a day off the road. Johnson assured that the State feels it is worth it or they would not be funding it again.

Motion carried 6-0.

County Trunk Highway (CTH) E Update

Yanny gave an update on the pending CTH E road project as recently presented at a Town of Merton public hearing. CTH E has been closed between Hartley Road and CTH Q (County Line Road) due to the structural issues with the dam. A detour route has been designated along Hartley Road and CTH Q.

Yanny explained the design work on this complex project began in 2000. There have been numerous delays because the various parties involved – Waukesha County, North Lake Management District, current dam owner George Strobl, and numerous permitting agencies – have been unable to reach agreements on the particulars of the project. Monthly meetings are held to keep all parties updated and informed on the progress of the project.

Bussler provided background information explaining why this road project is so unique and complicated compared to other County road projects. The County does not own the bridge on CTH E, nor the dam associated with it. The County is willing to take over ownership of the bridge; however, in order to qualify for federal funding, a quasi-governmental agency must take ownership of the dam. North Lake Management district has agreed to purchase and maintain the dam structure. There must be perfect agreement between the current dam owner, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), North Lake Management District, Waukesha County, the Army Corps. of Engineers, etc. before construction can begin.

Yanny expounded on the many challenges involved in moving this project forward, including issues raised at the public hearing and the views of the numerous stakeholders involved. Since December 2011, good progress has been made toward obtaining all necessary permits for the project. The County anticipates construction to begin late summer/early fall of 2012.

Meyer asked about the timeline for the project. Yanny stated it would be done in several stages in order to maintain stream flow. The total project would likely take three to four months of construction time. Swan inquired regarding costs involved – is there an agreement with North Lake Management District? Yanny said North Lake Management District is participating with a capped amount toward the cost of the dam. Swan wondered if any businesses are affected by the road closure/detour. Yanny stated there are two businesses affected; one restaurant owner expressed concerns with the detour so additional signage was placed to clarify directions to the establishment.

Swan thanked Yanny for the informative update on the CTH E project.

Wisconsin Counties Highway Association (WCHA) Road School Update

Bussler discussed the highlights of the WCHA Road School, which she attended in January. She participated as a member of the Bridge Committee, President's Task Force, and WCHA Transportation and Public Works Steering Committee. Issues covered included the ongoing County road construction/maintenance controversy, concerns about Federal reauthorization for the transportation fund, and binding arbitration changes (overtime rules, fair labor standards, etc.). Bussler said she would return with a more detailed presentation on the transportation fund issue at a future Public Works Committee meeting.

Swan thanked Bussler for the update on the January 2012 WCHA Road School.

Future Agenda Items

- Department of Public Works Year-end Financial Report
- Update on local building contractors associated with the Health and Human Services Building project

Approve Minutes of December 8, 2011

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Gundrum, to approve the minutes of December 8, 2011.
Motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence

- Final calculation for 2012 General Transportation Aids.
- Letter from WisDOT to Jim Dwyer regarding an improvement project on STH 67.
- Fall 2011 edition of *Crossroads* newsletter published by the Wisconsin Transportation Information Center.

Executive Committee Report of December 12, 2011

Mader reviewed agenda items discussed at the Executive Committee meeting of December 12, 2011, which included the following:

- Waukesha County Treasurer's Office Internal Audit Report
- Report on the Milwaukee 7

Future Meeting Date

- March 15, 2012

MOTION: Meyer moved, second by Draeger, to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline T. Jaske
Secretary